Harvard Pilgrim Health Care | TUFTS Health Plan

Point32Health companies

Payment Policy:
Vaccines and Immunizations

Applies to:

Commercial Products

☒ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial products
☒ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products

Public Plans Products

☒ Tufts Health Direct – A Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan (QHP) (a commercial product)
☒ Tufts Health Together – MassHealth Accountable Care Partnership Plans
☒ Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan
☒ Tufts Health One Care – A dual-eligible product

Senior Products

☒ Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO) (a dual-eligible product)
☒ Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO/PPO (Medicare Advantage products)

Policy

Point32Health reimburses contracted providers for the provision of covered vaccine and immunization services, in accordance with the member's benefit and applicable federal and state guidelines. The services must be furnished within the scope of practice in the state in which the physician or non-physician practitioner is licensed to practice.

Prerequisites

Applicable Point32Health referral, notification, and authorization policies may apply. Refer to the appropriate sections within the Provider Manuals for more information.

General Benefit Information

Services are pursuant to the member's benefit plan documents and are subject to applicable member out-of-pocket cost (e.g., copayment, coinsurance, deductible). Member eligibility and benefit specifics should be verified prior to initiating services.

Use of non-contracted labs may have the unintended consequence of subjecting the member to unnecessary services not ordered by the treating provider or other unreasonable financial exposure. In such circumstances, Point32Health may hold the ordering provider accountable for any inappropriate behavior on the part of the nonparticipating lab that has been selected.

Some vaccines may be covered under the member's medical benefit while others may be covered under their pharmacy benefit.

Point32Health Reimburses

- Non-routine vaccines and immune globulins when medically necessary, in accordance with CDC recommendations
- Non-state-supplied vaccines
- State-supplied vaccines only when state supplies are exhausted
- Vaccine administration for state-supplied and non-state-supplied vaccines

Point32Health Does *Not* Reimburse

- CPT codes 96372-96374, as it is inappropriate to use for the administration of vaccines
- Routine immunizations and vaccines for out-of-area members, including students (HMO plans only)
- Vaccines that are available free from the state, including combined vaccines if the individual components are supplied free from the state

- Vaccines that are not FDA-approved

Tufts Health Together, RITogether and One Care

- Vaccines and immunizations required for employment or travel outside of the United States

Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation

Providers are reimbursed according to the applicable contracted rates and fee schedules.

Coding

These code tables may not be all inclusive.

Code	Description	Comments
90378	Respiratory syncytial virus, monoclonal antibody, recombinant, for intramuscular (IM) use, 50 mg	Reimbursed up to five doses for children under age two
90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first vaccine/ toxoid component	Report only when accompanied by face-to-face counseling
90461	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional vaccine/toxoid component	Report in addition to primary code 90460
90471	Immunization administered by percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular; 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)	Reimbursed with a count of one only
90472	Immunization administered by percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injection; each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)	Report in addition to primary code(s) 90460, 90471 or 90473
90473	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)	Reimbursed with a count of one only
90474	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)	Report in addition to primary code(s) 90460, 90471 or 90473
90632	Hepatitis A vaccine, adult dosage, for IM use	
90649	Human Papillomavirus vaccine, types 6, 11, 16, 18, quadrivalent (4vHPV), 3 dose schedule, for IM use	-Not Reimbursed when available from the state -Reimbursed for ages 9-26 when the series of three injections is begun by age 26; the subsequent injections are covered into age 27 to complete the series of 3
90650	Human Papillomavirus vaccine, types 16, 18, bivalent (2vHPV), 3 dose schedule, for IM use	-Not Reimbursed when available from the state -Reimbursed for ages 9-26 when the series of three injections is begun by age 26; the subsequent injections are covered into age 27 to complete the series of 3
90651	Human Papillomavirus vaccine types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58, nonavalent (9vHPV), 2 or 3 dose schedule, for IM use	-Not reimbursed when available through the state -Reimbursed for ages 9-46
90736	Zoster (shingles) vaccine (HZV), live, for subcutaneous injection	Reimbursed for ages 50 and older
90746	Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB), adult dosage, 3 dose schedule, for IM use	
90750	Zoster (shingles) vaccine (HZV), recombinant, subunit, adjuvanted, for IM use	Reimbursed for ages 18 and older

Senior Products and Tufts Health One Care

Tufts Health Plan follows the Medicare Part B definition for drugs covered under the medical benefit. If a provider dispenses and/or administers a vaccine in the office that is covered under Medicare Part D, the provider should submit a CMS-1500 form to OptumRx, including the drug name, National Drug Code (NDC) number, and administration code for each vaccine administered.

Other Information

Point32Health provides funding to support the State vaccine programs which offer certain pediatric vaccines to providers free of charge. Therefore, Point32Health will not reimburse the cost of any vaccine that is within the program, unless the state supply is exhausted. If a provider has chosen not to participate in their state's vaccine program, patients should be referred to a participating provider for vaccine administration.

- Append modifier SL to the vaccine/toxoid procedure code to indicate that the vaccine was state-supplied
- If a state-supplied vaccine becomes exhausted or not available, Point32Health will reimburse only when the provider submits a copy of the purchase invoice and proof from the state that the state supply is exhausted and not available
  - Harvard Pilgrim Health Care will review supporting documentation when submitted upon appeal
  - Tufts Health Plan will review supporting documentation when submitted on a paper claim
  - Do not append modifier SL

Related Policies and Resources

Payment Policies

- Drugs and Biologicals
- Evaluation and Management
- General Coding and Claims Editing
- Laboratory and Pathology

Additional Resources

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Federal Health Care Reform)

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11/01/2026: Annual policy review; updated Related Policies and Resources; administrative edits
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Background and Disclaimer Information

This policy applies to the products of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan and their affiliates, as identified in the check boxes on the first page for services performed by contracted providers.

Payment is based on member benefits and eligibility on the date of service, medical necessity review, where applicable, and the provider's network participation agreement with the Plan. As every claim is unique, this policy is neither a guarantee of payment, nor a final indication of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to member eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, and utilization management requirements (when applicable), adherence to Plan policies and procedures, and claims editing logic. An authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Point32Health reserves the right to amend a payment policy at its discretion. CPT and HCPCS codes are updated as applicable; please adhere to the most recent CPT and HCPCS coding guidelines.

We reserve the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure accuracy and compliance with the guidelines stated in this payment policy. If such an audit determines that a provider/facility did not comply with this payment policy, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan will expect the provider/facility to refund all payments related to noncompliance.